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City of Yucaipa - Canvassing Program Begins February 16

Yucaipa. Animal Care and Control will conduct a door-to-door canvass of neighborhoods in the City of Yucaipa to ensure that all dogs have a current rabies vaccination and license. The seven week program is slated to run through April 2, and is to increase awareness on the benefits of responsible pet ownership, educate residents regarding the benefits of pet licensure, and to ensure compliance with current Yucaipa Municipal codes in regards to pet ownership. Yucaipa contracts with the County of San Bernardino Animal Care and Control Division to provide animal control, shelter and licensing services.

All dogs within the City of Yucaipa are required by law to be vaccinated and licensed at four months of age. (California Health and Safety Code, Section 121690 and Yucaipa Municipal Code 6.08.070 and 6.08.090.) A license also identifies the owner and allows them to be quickly reunited with their pet in case they ever get lost. In addition, all Pit Bull and Pit Bull type dogs are required by Yucaipa Municipal Code 6.04.098 to be spayed or neutered.

A dog license costs \$15.00 for an altered dog (\$9.00 for disabled persons or senior citizens, 65 years or older) and \$96.00 for an unaltered dog. An additional \$15.00 late fee applies if the license application is determined to be late.

A serious pet overpopulation problem exists in which thousands of unwanted pets enter the County's animal shelters each year.

- Intact dogs are three times more likely to bite than dogs that have been spayed or neutered.
- The majority of dogs entering the County's shelters (approximately 90%) are unaltered.
- Unaltered dogs are more likely to roam and/or cause public health concerns.
- Unaltered dogs breed which directly contributes to the pet overpopulation problem.
- Dog license fees offset the cost of providing animal control and animal sheltering services in Yucaipa

Please be prepared by having your current pet license, vaccination records, and spay/neuter -more-

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certificate available to avoid a possible citation. If you have not licensed your dog as required, you may choose to obtain a license before you receive a visit from an Animal License Officer. Dog licenses may be purchased at the following locations:

City Hall, 34272 Yucaipa Blvd., Yucaipa, Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Friday (CLOSED ALTERNATE FRIDAYS)

Animal Care and Control, 351 N. Mt. View, San Bernardino, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information about licensing or the canvassing program, please call 1-800-472-5609 or visit the San Bernardino County Animal Care and Control website at www.sbcounty.gov/acc.

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